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SUBJECT

Operational/CART/C
Possible Knowledge
of CATHINK

ACTION REQUIRED

None. For your info

REFERENCES

A. [20-4] 5000, 9 A

B. [20-4] 5207, 19

C. [20-4] 5531, 2 S

D. [20-4] 5336, 10

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ANSWERED

NO REPLY

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2. Ossenbrink has questioned all KUBARK CATHINK staff members on their knowledge of SLOBODA, making use of a photograph of SLOBODA for this purpose. None had any personal contact with him, however, and felt that they had seen him at the Camp King coffee bar. It should be noted that many US Army military personnel at Camp King have official knowledge of the official and unofficial name of CATHINK (see attachment under separate cover), and that the KUBARK CATHINK staff members are employees of [08] assigned to Camp King for work in CATHINK. The name and mission of CATHINK is classified presently CONFIDENTIAL - NOFORN, which means that the official name and mission of CATHINK is widely known among other US Army offices at Camp King, which also had frequent occasion to deal with SLOBODA's former office. Moreover, in conversing with US Army personnel at the Camp King coffee bar, it is conceivable that SLOBODA learned the true names of all KUBARK CATHINK personnel without their knowledge.

3. In summary, it appears that SLOBODA could have learned the following about CATHINK during the period March-August 1960 -

a. Official and unofficial name and mission of CATHINK. (Official and unofficial name of CATHINK forwarded as Identities A. and B. respectively under separate cover attachment)

b. True name of KUBARK and CATHINK staff members

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TO Chief, EE
INFO Chief, KUSODA

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FROM	Chief of Station, Germany	DATE	10 October 1960
SUBJECT	Operational/CART/CATHINK Possible Knowledge of Wladimar SLOBODA of CATHINK	RE "433" (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED None. For your information only		MARKED FOR INDEXING	
		XX NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	

REFERENCES

- A. ²⁰⁻⁴FRAN 5000, 9 August 1960
- B. ²⁰⁻⁴FRAN 5207, 19 August 1960
- C. ²⁰⁻⁴FRAN 5531, 2 September 1960
- D. ²⁰⁻⁴FRAN 6336, 10 October 1960 *to IB 110-25184*

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 B. (FRAN) 5207, 19 August 1960
 C. (FRAN) 5531, 2 September 1960
 D. (FRAN) 6336, 10 October 1960 *to IB in 25186*

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b. True name of KUBARK and CATHINK staff members, including the fact that they are assigned to Camp King by (DAD/Germany).

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4. The delay in reporting this matter was due to the fact that Ossenbrink was on home leave when the SLOBODA defection took place.

J. Ossenbrink

John T. OSSENBRINK

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Attachment:

Official and Unofficial names CATRINE

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TO: KUSODA

SEPARATE COVER ATTACH. TO ²²[EGOA] 11756, 10 Oct 60

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Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Group.

Identity B. ¹⁰["EGIS Center"]

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT TO ²²EGOA-11756

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Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Group.

Identity B. ¹⁰EGIS Center

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